LEGAL NOTICE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Columbine Ranger District San Juan National Forest La Plata County, Colorado

Purgatory Resort

Gelandé Chairlift, Terrain Project, and Boundary Adjustment

The San Juan National Forest is seeking public comments for the Purgatory Resort Gelandé Chairlift, Terrain Project, and Boundary Adjustment project. The proposed action includes a Forest Plan amendment to adjust Management Areas which provide long-term management guidance, and specific project-level recreation decisions about ski lifts and runs. The project area includes approximately 16 acres of National Forest land and a 26-acre adjustment to Purgatory Resort's Special Use Permit boundary in Township 39 North, Ranges 9 West Sections 24-26.

A description of the Proposed Action, with maps, is available online from https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52682 or contact Jed Botsford at 970-884-1436.

This project is subject to objection regulations at 36 CFR 219 for Forest Plan amendments, and 36 CFR 218 for project actions. Please specify in your comments whether you are commenting on Forest Plan-level or project-level proposals, or both. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposal during *this* designated public comment period will be eligible to object; this period constitutes a combined scoping and comment period and there will be no other opportunity to establish eligibility to object. Each individual or representative from each entity submitting comments must meet the information requirements in 36 CFR 218.25, including name and postal address, project title, and signature or other verification of identity.

Written comments will be accepted for 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the *Durango Herald* and should be submitted to: Columbine District Ranger Matt Janowiak, P.O. Box 439, 367 S. Pearl Street, Bayfield, CO 81122. Comments may be faxed to: District Ranger @ (970) 884-2428. Electronic comments should be sent to *comments-rocky-mountain-san-juan-columbine@fs.fed.us* in an email message, or in one of the following electronic formats: .rtf, .pdf, or .doc. Hand delivered comments may be submitted to the Columbine Ranger District between the hours of 8:00am-4:30pm Mon-Fri, excluding holidays. Names and addresses of those who comment will be considered part of the public record and available for public inspection.
